



GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD ECOLOGY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CHANGELOG FOR APPROVAL PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION BODIES (VERSION 3.0 FROM 2.0)

This document lists the major changes between versions 3.0 and 2.0 of the GOTS document Approval Procedure and Requirements for Certification Bodies and is meant for a quick reference only.

No.	Change type	Section Ref	Details of change	Remarks
1	Formatting	(All)	Document has been reformatted to reflect GOTS templates	
2	Ed	(All)	Title changed - "Manual" replaced by "Document"	
		TOC	Verbal forms and definitions added. Forms changed within document	Consistency within GOTS documents
3	Content	1	Added clarification "systems within their purview so as to ensure compliance to GOTS requirements and needs"	To clarify coverage of the document
4	Ed	(All)	"Certifier" changed to "Certification Body" and definitions included.	To ensure consistency within GOTS documents
5	Content	2	Changed "International Organic Accreditation Service" to "IOAS Inc."	To reflect new corporate status
			Accreditation Body requirements modified to "such as a member of the International Accreditation Forum's Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (IAF MLA ¹)"	
			Notes added related to latest versions of GOTS documents	
			Updated contact details to bhajekar@global-standard.org	
			New requirement to adhere to applicable local and national laws and regulations added.	
6	Content	3	Implementation deadline (6 months) added	Replaced specific date given in version 2.0
7	Content	4.1	Specific stipulations made about requirements of Applicant CBs	
8	Content	4.2.2	Confidentiality clause added	

¹ The purpose of the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) is to ensure mutual recognition of accredited certification and validation/verification statements between signatories to the MLA, and subsequently, acceptance of accredited certification and validation/verification statements in many markets based on one accreditation.



9	Content	4.2.3	Updated subsections with specific requirements for CBs related to their status and documentation necessary for applicants	
10	Content	4.2.4	Updated with current application fees	
11	Content	4.2.5	Added subsection giving progression of an application made to GOTS	For prospective CBs to understand how the process may work.
12	Content	4.2.6	Added subsection about application rejections by GOTS	
13	Content	4.2.7 & 4.2.8	Added rights for GOTS	
14	Content	4.3	Entire section has been revised to include modified and new requirements for Accreditation Bodies.	For clarity of purpose.
15	Content	5.1.1.1	Revised to include legal status of Certification Body and their operations	
16	Content	5.1.1.2	Revised. Added subsections to include necessary checks when accepting and dealing with operators.	
			Added stipulations to require participation in GOTS initiatives such as surveys, database and also allow GOTS personnel to accompany, as observers, audits of certified units and their facilities.	
17	Content	5.1.2.2	Modified qualification criteria of personnel engaged in GOTS certification	
18	Content	5.1.2.3	Modified criteria for capacity building of personnel engaged in GOTS certification	
19	Content	5.1.2.6	Revised section to support current subcontracting conditions required by GOTS for CBs	
20	Content	5.1.3	Revised section and subsections to update impartiality and objectivity requirements at CBs	
21	Content	5.1.4	Updated section and subsections to include latest GOTS documentation and confidentiality requirements	
22	Content	5.1.6 (b)	Added requirement to report to GOTS annually a summary of complaints.	
23	Content	5.2.1.1	Updated requirements for CBs to inform operators about GOTS fees	
24	Content	5.2.2.2 (a)	Added requirement to have a system in place to identify requests from operators	
25	Content	5.2.2.3	Updated audit protocols to include traceability, volume reconciliation, financial records, effluent treatment and others.	
26	Content	5.2.2.5	Added subsection detailing requirements related to risk assessment by CBs	
27	Content	5.2.2.6	Added new requirements related to reporting to operators	
28	Content	5.2.3.6	Modified and added requirements related to issuance of certification documents	
29	Content	5.2.4.1	Added subsections d) through f) with detailed requirements	
30	Content	5.2.4.2	Title changed and content updated.	
31	Content	5.3	Section updated with some new requirements.	



32	Content	5.3.2.2	Subsection updated with new requirements related to assessment procedures for approval of chemical inputs.	
33	Content	5.3.2.3	Subsection added new	
34	Content	5.3.2.4	Section updated with new requirements for reporting by CBs	
35	Content	5.3.3	Section updated with new requirements for decisions to be taken by CBs including deadlines	
36	Content	5.4	Section added for issuance of Scope Certificates	
37	Content	5.5	Section added for issuance of Transaction Certificates	
38	Content	5.6.1, 5.6.2 and 5.6.3	Sections added with other conditions for CBs.	
39	Content	5.6.4 through 5.6.7	Nomenclature for fees updated to reflect latest terminology	
40	Content	5.6.9	Content modified to reflect current requirements of CBs related to databases, reporting etc.	
41	Content	5.6.10 and 5.6.11	Sections added to include obligation of CBs to participate in activities of development of GOTS databases	
42	Content	5.6.13, 5.6.14 and 5.6.15	Added sections related to participation in investigations, development of GOTS and times of suspension, withdrawal etc.	
43	Content	6	Updated abbreviation of SDS	
44	Content	7	Updated definitions and added definition of Certifiers Council	

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